Setting up of freight operation Information Service

5588. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Informations Centre (NIC) had submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Railways for setting up a computerised Freight Operation Information Service (FOIS);

(b) if so, what are the details of this proposal, when was this made to the Railways and at what cost;

(c) what is the reaction of the Railways to this proposal:

(d) whether Railways are going ahead with an alternative proposal of its in-house department;

(e) if so, what are the details of this proposal; and

(f) what is the cost benefit ratio of each of the aforesaid proposals?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) National Informatics Centre (NIC) had proposed in June, 1994 a computerised freight operations information system cased on a customised software to be developed by them. A presentation was given by NIC which revealed that their proposal was in the nature of a conceptual plan and the cost as projected by NIC was Rs. 296.75 crores. The proposal was lacking in desired specifics.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The present scheme of computerisation of Freight Operations Information System envisages a two tier architecture with the cenral system performing core functions like wagon and locomotive movements and the second tier performing decentralised functions. The software is being customised to suit Traffic Reporting and Control System operational requirements and practices of the Indian Railways. The project covers inter alia locomotive, wagon and train movement control, terminal management system, revenue accountal, and management information system. The project for the Northern Railway was sanctioned in December, 1992. After the acceptance of the system, which is at an advanced stage of trials in Delhi Area at present, its implementation is proposed to be extended to other areas of the Northern Railway.

(f) Cost benefit analysis cannot be done as NIC's offer was only a conceptual proposal

Replacement of DTC buses

5589. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DTC plans to replace all such buses which are polluting the environment:

(b) whether there is any plan to provide a common bus stand for the passengers coming to offices through, Feroze shah Road, R. P Road, Janpath, Ashoka Road to avoid congestion; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No. Sir. Buses emitting smoke more than the prescribed limits are rectified and all buses obtain pollu-